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Dear Mr. Saric:

SUBJECT: Geomorphic Feature Delineation and PCB Correlations in the Former Plainwell Impoundment Report dated May 2010

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) is pleased to present the enclosed report titled "Geomorphic Feature Delineation and PCB Correlations in the Former Plainwell Impoundment". A hard copy has been submitted for inclusion into the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) administrative record for the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site files.

DNRE staff undertook sample collection activities in the Former Plainwell Impoundment in an attempt to further our understanding of contaminant distribution to inform future decisions for this site. The DNRE developed a sampling Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) which was eventually reviewed and approved by the USEPA. This enclosed report is the result of the work contemplated by the QAPP.

The DNRE has framed the results of our sampling efforts in this report in consideration of future activities. The method of geomorphologic feature delineation and categorization can be used to better understand and predict the locations of increased polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) concentration and contaminant mass in the Kalamazoo River system. The potential for this investigative process to serve as a predictable indicator of PCB concentration may be a significant long term benefit to the progress of site cleanup.

In addition to requesting the inclusion of this report into the site's administrative record, the DNRE is interested in sharing the results of this report with affected stakeholders. Please accept this letter as a request for an allotment of time at a future site public information meeting to present the details of the study.



Please contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of what the DNRE believes to be an important addition to our collective understanding of the Kalamazoo River Superfund Site. We look forward to scheduling a meeting to discuss the work in more detail with representatives of the USEPA and the Potentially Responsible Parties.

Sincerely,



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